

**CARNEYS POINT TOWNSHIP MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 19, 2018**

The Regular Meeting of the Township Committee was held on the above date at the time of 6:00 p.m. Committeemen Dennis, Pelura, Newton and Brown were present. Mr. Dowe was not in attendance. Also present at this meeting were J. Proffitt-Clerk, M. Stout-Administrator/CMFO, J. Santogrossi-Public Works Manager, G. Krivda Police Chief and A. Telsey- Solicitor.

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order and read the **Open Public Meeting Act**. He led the **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**. Roll call was taken.

Under **Committee Departmental Reports** Mr. Dennis mentioned attending with the Mayor and Mrs Stout along with American Ambulance. He said there have been a few glitches that have been resolved and now all is running smooth. There will be another meeting in the first quarter of the New Year.

Mr. Newton spoke of the Chaplin's holding a toy drive so toys could be sent to A.I DuPont Hospital for Children. He said they did a great job. Mr. Newton spoke about the tax collection rate as being 93.58%. He said our Tax Collector is doing a great job. Also, he mentioned the number of permits that were issued in the Construction office. He said they had 514 issued which was more then in 2017 and grossing \$280,599.00.

Mayor Brown started his report with reading resolution 2018-209, which is to honor Kenneth R. Dennis for his service to Carneys Point Township.

RESOLUTION 2018-209

HONORING KENNETH DENNIS FOR SERVICE TO THE TOWNSHIP

Mr. Pelura said it was his honor to make the motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Newton and a unanimous vote was taken.

Mr. Dennis said it was his honor to serve the residents of Carneys Point. He commented the employees made his job easy. He especially thanked Mrs. Stout for all she does at the Township. Mr. Dennis said they all got along regardless of political affiliation. He said they could disagree and still be civil. He said he will miss all of this.

Mayor Brown spoke of Public Works and the Sewerage Authority jetting a pipe on Norman and Grandview. He mentioned a resident on Bianca who is hearing impaired would like signs put up to slow traffic. The Police Dept. has put the speed sign up and will issue tickets to speeders. New speed limit signs have been put up and signs have been ordered for hearing impaired. Under Building and Grounds someone smashed a toilet at the Rec. Complex. There are cameras but it is hard to catch everything going on there. Mayor Brown also mentioned a septic pump that went bad here at the municipal building. English Disposal replaced the pump. He moved on to address the JIF regular monthly meeting on December 17th. He has continued to forward training and informational bulletins to various department heads. The Mayor mentioned street lights have been ordered for Robinson Road and another location. It will take about 6 weeks to get them in and install. He moved on to a complaint of a removed wooden fence at the Flying J Truckstop. Mayor Brown said all the plans have been reviewed and the wooden fence was removed and an 8-foot metal chain link fence was put up in its place with mesh material to block the light. This fence was approved by the Planning Board. Mr. Brown said Atlantic Electric has finished the upgrade of the lines. He said the Verizon Cell tower has been operational for about 4 weeks. This should help with dropped calls in this area. NJ DOT has repaired the roadway on

Route 48. The water problem still exists; however, the fix should get us through for now. Mayor Brown said the roundabout on Route 130 is still ongoing. The project should start in the Spring. Lastly, he mentioned the USA Gas Station on shell Road. They are finally moving this forward. Work has been getting done.

Mr. Brown gave the report for Mr. Dowe who was absent, the Municipal Court will be interviewing for a Sound Recorder on January 4, 2019. Currently they have two applications. Jim Williamson Bailiff for the Court has been out sick and is not sure when he will return. The Court Administrator will be out of the office and on vacation.

Mr. Pelura said the tentative Free Rabies Clinic will be on March 9th at the Firehouse. Dogs will be done from 9 am to 10:30 and cats will be done from 10:30 am to 11:00. These clinics are open to everyone in the County. Mr. Pelura also mentioned Christmas in the Park and Lunch with Santa. Both events were well attended and enjoyed by all. He thanked the Public Works Department and the Police Department for all their help. Mr. Pelura also thanked the Recreation Commission for all they have done this year.

Motion to approve the reports was made by Mr. Newton, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all were in favor

Mayor Brown asked for a motion to approve **all properly audited vouchers in the amount of \$295,411.22.** Motion was made by Mr. Pelura, seconded by Mr. Newton and all were in favor.

Under **Consent Agenda** a motion was made by Mr. Dennis, seconded by Mr. Newton to accept **Monthly Committee Reports from November, 2018.** All were in favor.

Mr. Newton made a motion to approve the Administrative Compensatory time, seconded by Mr. Dennis and all were in favor.

Mr. Dennis made a motion to approve the **minutes from the regular Committee meeting held on December 5, 2018** seconded by Mr. Newton with all being in favor with Mr. Dennis abstaining.

RESOLUTION 2018-197

REFUND HOMESTEAD REBATE TO TOTAL DISABLED VETERANS

Mr. Dennis made a motion to authorize the refund of the Homestead Rebate to three Total Disabled Veterans, seconded by Mr. Newton and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2018-198

OVERPAYMENTS DUE TO TAX APPEALS

Motioned by Mr. Newton to approve the refund to two residents due to successful tax appeals, seconded by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous roll call vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2018-199

CANCEL TAXES FOR 100% DISABLED VETERAN EXEMPTION

Mr. Dennis made a motion to approve the granting of 100% Total Disabled Veteran Exemption as of November 14, 2018 and cancelling \$783.49 in taxes. Seconded by Mr. Newton and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2018-200

CANCEL PRELIMINARY TAXES FOR 100% DISABLED VETERAN

Motioned by Mr. Dennis to approve the cancellation of preliminary 2019 taxes for Block 252, Lot 7.01 due to 100% Total Disabled Veteran Exemption in the amount of \$2,876.00. Seconded by Mr. Newton and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2018-201

2018 OVER BILL REFUND

Mr. Newton made a motion to approve a refund of overpaid 2018 taxes to various properties in various amounts, seconded by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2018-202

APPROVE CHANGE OF SIGNATURES ON COURT S14 BANK ACCOUNT

Motioned by Mr. Newton to approve the change of signers on the S 14 Municipal Court Bank Account. Seconded by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2018-203

APPROVE CHANGE OF SIGNATURES ON COURT BAIL BANK ACCOUNT

Mr. Newton made a motion to approve the change of signers on the Municipal Courts Bail Bank Account, seconded by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2018-204

REAPPOINT JUNE PROFFITT AS REGISTRAR

Mr. Newton made a motion to approve the reappointment of June Proffitt as the Registrar of Vital Statistics for a 3-year term, seconded by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2018-205

TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Mr. Pelura made a motion to approve the transfer of funds within the 2018 Budget in the amount of \$23,783.00, seconded by Mr. Newton and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2018-206

APPROVING A DISCHARGE OF MORTGAGE

Mr. Dennis made a motion to approve the discharge of a Small Cities Mortgage for 39 Pinewood Ave in the amount of \$13,670.00, seconded by Mr. Newton and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2018-207

AUTHORIZE A SUBORDINATION OF A SMALL CITIES LOAN

Mr. Newton made a motion to authorize the Subordination of a Small Cities Loan to Block 70, Lot 28 in the amount of \$11,945.00, seconded by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2018-208

TRANSFER TAXES FROM 2018 TO 2019

Mr. Newton made a motion to approve the transfer of taxes that remain on the books from 2018 to the 2019 year, seconded by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous vote was taken

Under **Correspondence** Mayor Brown mentioned that Hardenbergh Insurance Group has sent a letter to see if we would like to increase our Excess Liability coverage. We currently at 5 million for Auto / General Liability. Mr. Dennis made a motion to keep the same coverage, seconded by Mr. Newton and all were in favor. For the Public Officials/Employment Practices Liability we hold 2 million. Mr. Telsey said in the year he has been here he has not seen anything close to that amount. Mr. Dennis said to keep it the same, seconded by Mr. Newton and all were in favor.

With no **Old Business** Mayor Brown moved on to **New Business**. Mayor Brown asked for a motion to approve the 2019 Holiday List for all non-contractual employees. Mr. Dennis made a motion to approve the list, seconded by Mr. Newton and all were in favor.

Public Participation: *Diane Ford of 60 Penns Ave. Deepwater* spoke of the last time she was at the meeting she asked if anyone looked at the old plans for the Flying J Truckstop. She mentioned a 6-foot wooden fence. Mayor Brown said he has them with him they are replacing the wooden fence with a 8-foot chain link fence with slats. The Mayor said the Construction Official has looked at the plans and the only change was at the end of the fencing where it was brought in some. He said he also spoke to the Construction Assistant and she said the Planning Board Solicitor has been notified of this issue. Ms. Ford said this is a noise issue. Mayor Brown

said the Engineer is willing to go around with you to see if he can help. The Mayor said you may have to go to before the Planning Board. Mr. Telsey said if the chain link fence was approved as a replacement then the Planning Board can enforce that change.

Josefina Jekere of Route 40 wanted to know where she could get a copy of the utilities (gas, sewerage and water) maps. After discussion the Committee said she may not be able to obtain the maps due to security issues. She can contact each office to see where the connections are and how much it would cost to connect.

Eleanor Washington of Sandy Ridge Apartments said she went by Dunns Park and it was not lit up. Mr. Santogrossi said the breaker popped. She said she has wreaths and bells she would like to staple to the park sign. She was told to take them to the Public Works office and they will put them up.

With no more public questions or comments this portion was closed.

RESOLUTION 2018-210

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Pelura motioned to convene into Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Dennis and a unanimous vote was taken. The regular meeting ended at 6:46 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Dennis to reconvene in regular session, seconded by Mr. Newton and all was in favor. The regular meeting reconvened at 7:19 pm.

Mrs. Stout addressed the YMCA Colleen Smally requested to have baseboard heaters installed at their cost in the locker rooms. They are having the work done by Eric Krise Electric. The cost is approximately \$4,100. Mr. Pelura said he thinks we should get a hold harmless agreement. The Committee all agreed.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Dennis to adjourn and seconded by Mr. Pelura. Motion passed with four affirmative votes. Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Approved: 1-16-2019


June Proffitt, Municipal Clerk